

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

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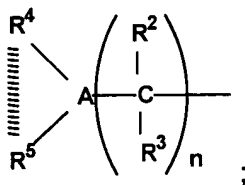
No amendments have been made to the Claims.

The Examiner alleges Claims 1-19 are generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species comprising the set of compounds defined by Formula I. Applicants are required to elect a single disclosed species.

Applicants elect the acid-blocked product of Example 3 which is a mixture of N,N-bis-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-C₁₂ ether) amine and N,N-bis-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-C₁₄ ether) amine. The product is a mixture because the commercially available glycidyl ether used in the reaction is itself a mixture of C₁₂ and C₁₄ alkyls.

For the elected species the variables of Formula I are the following:

A represents N;



R¹ represents

R² and R³ each represent hydrogen;

R⁴ and R⁵ each represent a C₁ alkyl group;

R⁶ represents -CH₂C(R⁷)(OH)CH₂OR⁸;

R⁷ represents hydrogen;

R⁸ represents a C₁₂-C₁₄ alkyl group; and

n is 3.

Claims 1-4, 6-7, 9-11, 14-15 and 17-19 read on the C₁₂-C₁₄ species.

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Should the above election not be specific enough, Applicants further elect the C₁₂ ether amine, namely N,N-bis-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-(2-hydroxypropyl-dodecyl ether) amine. In such case R⁸ represents a C₁₂ alkyl group. Claims 1-4, 6-7, 9-11, 15, 18 and 19 read on the C₁₂ species.

Respectfully submitted,

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